



# Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter tritter3@frontier.com			

Meeting minutes, August 08, 2018

- Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.
- Open meeting verification:** Meeting was properly posted on August 01, 2018
- Roll call, confirm quorum:** Members present: Harold, Soltwedel, Schwartz, Steinhilber, Zielinski, Klingsporn, Waisbrot, Heeler, Guckenber, Schell, Schultz, Rollman, Ritter  
Also present: Jay Verhulst, Chairman Vilas County Lane & Water Conservation Committee  
John Richter, Lakes Committee, Town of Plum Lake
- CBCW-UW Oshkosh program issues:** Committee members and John Richter voiced their frustrations with operational problems with the program. Jay Verhulst asked for clarification on specific issues and assured the Committee he and the Vilas Co. LWCD would be addressing these concerns the next morning in a LWCD meeting and again in an upcoming meeting with UW Oshkosh. Ritter would also be attending the LWCD meeting the next day and would provide that committee with a history of the CBCW program in Vilas County since its inception in 2005. At the request of Verhulst, Ritter agreed to prepare a letter to the LWCD outlining today's comments. No further action was taken by the Lakes Committee.
- Consider using boat landing cameras based on information to be presented by the Town of Plum Lake:** John Richter explained how two landings in the Town of Plum Lake had recently had I-LID cameras installed to augment the CBCW program. The Town sponsored a grant application on behalf of the Lakes Committee which provided 50% of the \$8,000 per camera cost. Ongoing operational costs of up to \$3,000 per year will be paid by

the Lakes Committee. There have been several technology advances added to the cameras since the first version. They are now less costly to purchase and operate than initially and have more features such as a motion activated audio playback welcoming boaters to the landing, advising them of the video camera and reminding them to clean their boats and equipment properly. Plum Lake is optimistic that this method of boat landing monitoring will dramatically increase boater awareness of and compliance with good boater hygiene. The St. Germain Lakes Committee will discuss this topic further at its next meeting.

6. **Approve minutes of June 14, 2018 meeting:** Motion Steinhilber, second Schwartz to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Lake Reports:** Each lake reported on topics of interest.
  - Found Lake:** Further monitoring of Found Lake resulted in no more EWM plants being found than the original three plants found by Onterra earlier this year. Found Lake will soon be receiving an Early Detection AIS grant from the DNR which will help with ongoing monitoring and invasive plant management as needed. The Association is considering efforts to try to form a lake district, but no action has yet been initiated.
  - Lost Lake:** A permit was received in June to proceed with an herbicide application to control the same area of CLP that was treated in 2017. Indications are that the treatment was highly effective with little to no residual damage to native plants. Onterra will perform a post treatment survey later this summer to provide a professional assessment of the treatment. In the meantime, the Lost Lake District Board of Commissioners will present its recommendation at the district annual meeting for another treatment of the same area in 2019.
  - Little St. Germain Lake:** No herbicide treatments were performed this year to manage invasive plants, but the district spent \$25,000 on plant hand pulling services in selected areas of the lake. Additionally, at the time it became necessary to decide whether or not to harvest nuisance plants in areas of South Bay, it appeared the plants would not be a problem this year, so no harvesting was done. Shortly after making that decision the plants grew dramatically and have become problematic.
  - Alma-Moon and Big St. Germain Lakes:** These lakes are still believed to be free of invasive plants.
8. **Consider updating Town Lakes Management Plan based on information provided by Onterra:** A meeting with Onterra on June 29 was attended by Committee reps from several lakes. Onterra then provided follow-up information intended for consideration at the August 08 Committee meeting, but it arrived the morning of the meeting and no one had an opportunity to review it. The topic will appear again on the next meeting agenda.
9. **Project 2018 and 2019 expenses for remaining \$27,500 in Lakes Committee accounts:** Discussion led to no action at this time. Item to appear again on next meeting agenda.
10. **Next meeting set for August 28, 2018 at 9:00am.**
11. **Meeting adjourned at 10:45**